

REMARKS

This patent application is submitted for filing in the US PTO claiming the priority date of the United Kingdom patent application No 0403113.4, which has been filed on 12 February 2004 with subsequent filing of the international application PCT/GB2005/050013.

The amendments have been made to the claims to reduce the number of the claims eliminating the multiple dependency of the claims, to better define the claimed invention and to distinguish it from the prior art references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith. Claims 4, 14, 25 and 26 were canceled without prejudice. New claim 27 was added to present the limitations of canceled claim 25 in a better form.

No new matter has been introduced. Consideration of the preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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